



The National Nanotechnology Initiative and Nanoscience User Facilities in the United States

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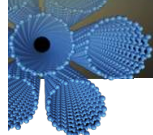
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The Second Tri-National Workshop on Standards for Nanotechnology

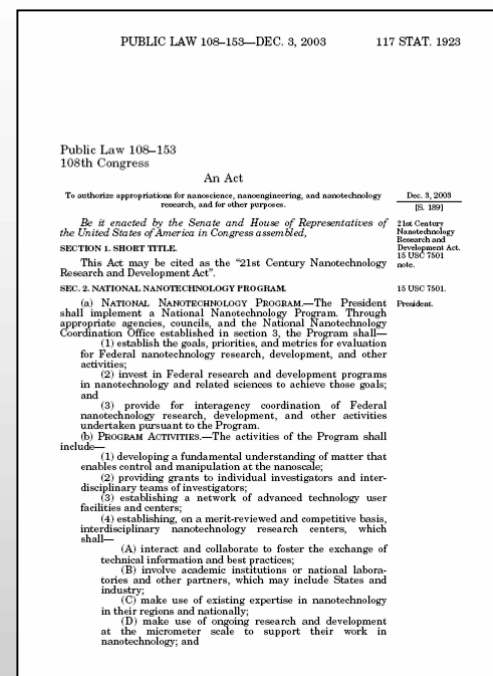
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What is the National Nanotechnology Initiative?

- ***The NNI is an interagency program that coordinates Federal nanoscale research and development activities and related efforts among various participating entities (currently 25)***
- ***The NNI began in 2001 and its activities were codified and further defined in the 21st Century Nanotechnology Research and Development Act (Dec. 2003)***
- ***Planned federal NNI expenditures are over \$1.4 billion in FY 2008***



Participating Agencies in the NNI

OSTP

OMB



- Six agencies developed original 2001 NNI proposal
- Now have 25 NSET Subcommittee member agencies

NIH



NIST



NASA



DOD



DOE



NSF



DOS



DOTr



IC



DOT



USDA



EPA



DOJ



FDA



NRC



DHS



DOC



TA

USDA



FS

DOC



BIS

USPTO



ITC



CPSC



NIOSH



USGS



DOL



DOEd



2001: Six
Agencies

2002: Seven
New Agencies

2003-4: Four
New Agencies

2005: Six New
Agencies

2006: Three
New Agencies

The NNI definition of "nanotechnology"

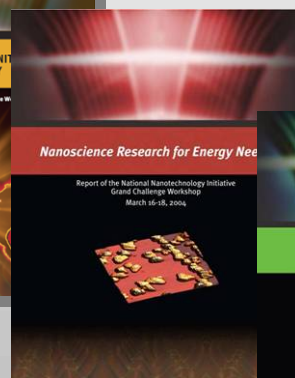
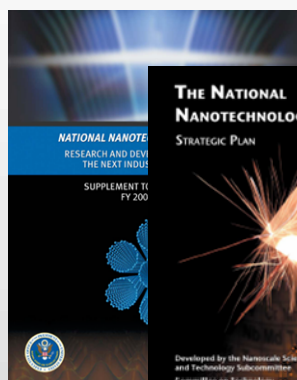
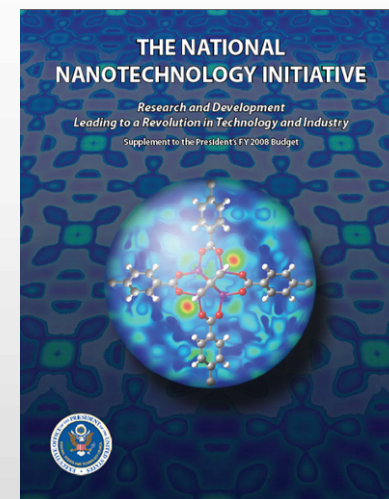
What is "nanotechnology"?

- Nanotechnology is the **understanding and control** of matter at dimensions between approximately **1 and 100 nanometers**, where **unique phenomena** enable novel application.
- Nanotechnology involves imaging, measuring, modeling, and manipulating matter at this length scale

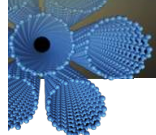
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- With reference to the NNI, the term is meant to broadly encompass nanoscale science, engineering, and technology
 - Not just another step towards miniaturization; fundamental differences in physical, chemical, and biological behavior at this level compared to bulk materials or individual atoms/molecules
 - quantum phenomena
 - dominance of surfaces
 - self-assembly

NNI activities and documents inform agencies, report outcomes, and serve as resources

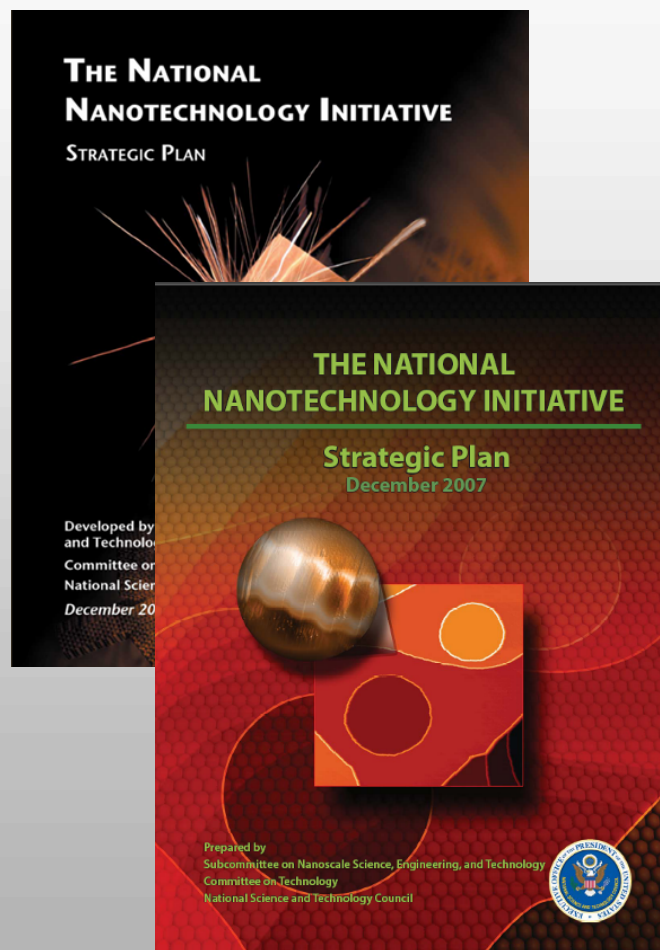
Supplement to the President's FY 2008 Budget



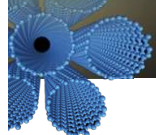
General brochure for a broad audience



Standards development in the NNI Strategic Plan



- Both the original (December 2004) and recently revised (December 2007) NNI Strategic Plans explicitly acknowledge the importance of standards. One of the eight NNI Program Component Areas is “Instrumentation Research, Metrology, and Standards for Nanotechnology,” and the interagency coordinating group has explicitly supported ANSI, OECD, and other activities in this area.



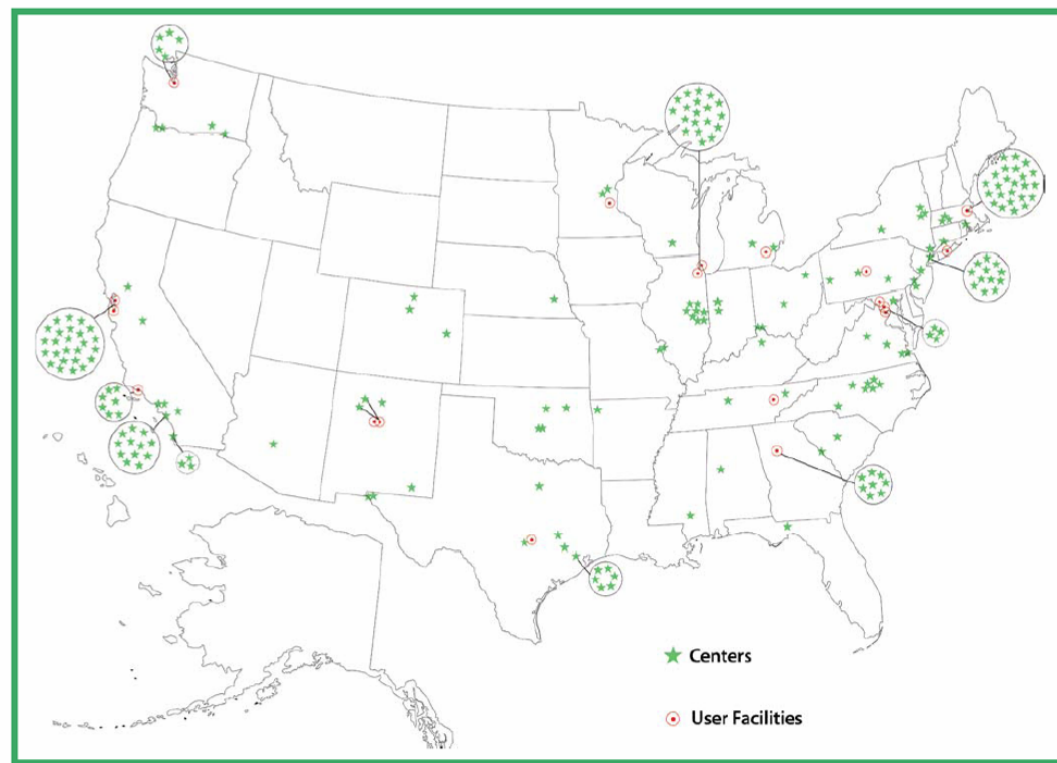
User Facilities for Nanoscience

- ***NNI user facilities provide critical scientific infrastructure. They make advanced experimental and theoretical capabilities accessible to researchers from academia, industry, and government laboratories; a vital component of this infrastructure are the scientific and technical staff members at these facilities.***

- ***User facilities are supported by various U.S. Federal agencies:***

- ***National Institute of Standards and Technology***
- ***National Institutes of Health***
- ***National Science Foundation***
- ***Department of Energy***

Figure 1. NNI-sponsored Centers and User Facilities (December 2007)



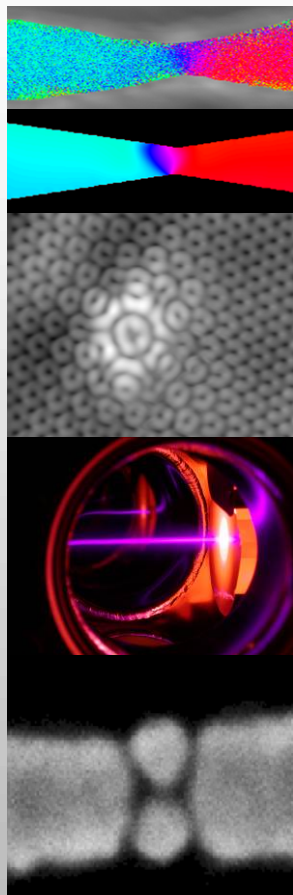
CNST – NIST's Center for Nanoscale Science and Technology



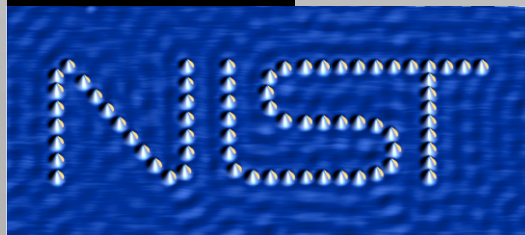
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- Provides **measurement methods**, standards and technology to support all phases of nanotechnology development from discovery to production,
- develops and maintains a national shared use facility, **the Nanofab**, with state-of-the-art, nanoscale measurement and fabrication capabilities in Gaithersburg, MD
- applies a **multidisciplinary** approach to problem solving that involves partnering with industry, academia, and other government agencies,
- serves as a hub to **link the external nanotechnology community** to the vast measurement expertise that exists within the NIST Laboratories, and
- helps to **educate** the next generation of nanotechnologist.

(For information see: <http://cnst.nist.gov>)



- **Research Program** - Developing measurement capabilities for:
 - Future Electronics
 - Nanofabrication and Nanomanufacturing
 - Energy
- **The Nanofab** – A national, state-of-the-art, shared use facility for the measurement and fabrication of nanostructures both inside and outside of cleanrooms
 - 19,000 sq ft cleanroom (8,000 sq ft class 100)
 - Advanced lithography and microscopy
 - Experienced staff to train users or operate the tools
 - Open to all users





Nanotechnology Characterization Laboratory (of the National Cancer Institute in NIH)



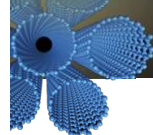
NCL provides infrastructure support to the Alliance and to nanotech researchers - to overcome obstacles and translate 'nano' into the clinical realm

NCL Objectives

- ***Characterize nanoparticles using standardized methods***
- ***Conduct structure activity relationships studies***
- ***Facilitate regulatory review of nanotech constructs***
- ***Engage in educational and knowledge sharing efforts***

The NCL is a national resource available to investigators from academia, industry and government

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<http://ncl.cancer.gov>***



NCL Concept of Operations

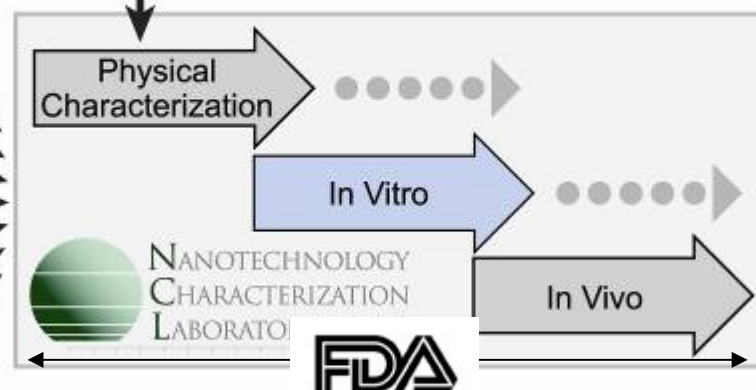


NCI Alliance for
Nanotechnology
in Cancer

Sources of Nanomaterials

- Centers of Cancer Nanotech Excellence (CCNEs)
- Academia
- Big Pharm
- Small Biotech
- NCI, NIH, NSF Grants
- DoD, DoE
- Unconventional Innovative Program (UIP)

NIST



Detection

Diagnostics

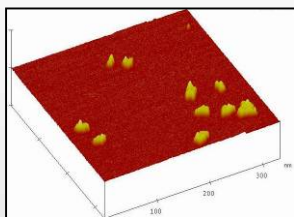
Therapeutics

NCL is a formal collaboration between NCI, FDA and NIST

NCL Assay Cascade

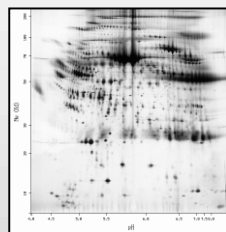


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Physicochemical:

- Size
- Shape
- Composition
- Molecular weight
- Surface chemistry
- Identity
- Purity
- Stability
- Solubility



In Vitro:

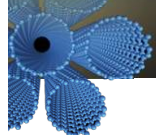
- Pharmacology
- Blood contact properties
- Immune cell function
- Cytotoxicity
- Mechanistic toxicology
- Sterility



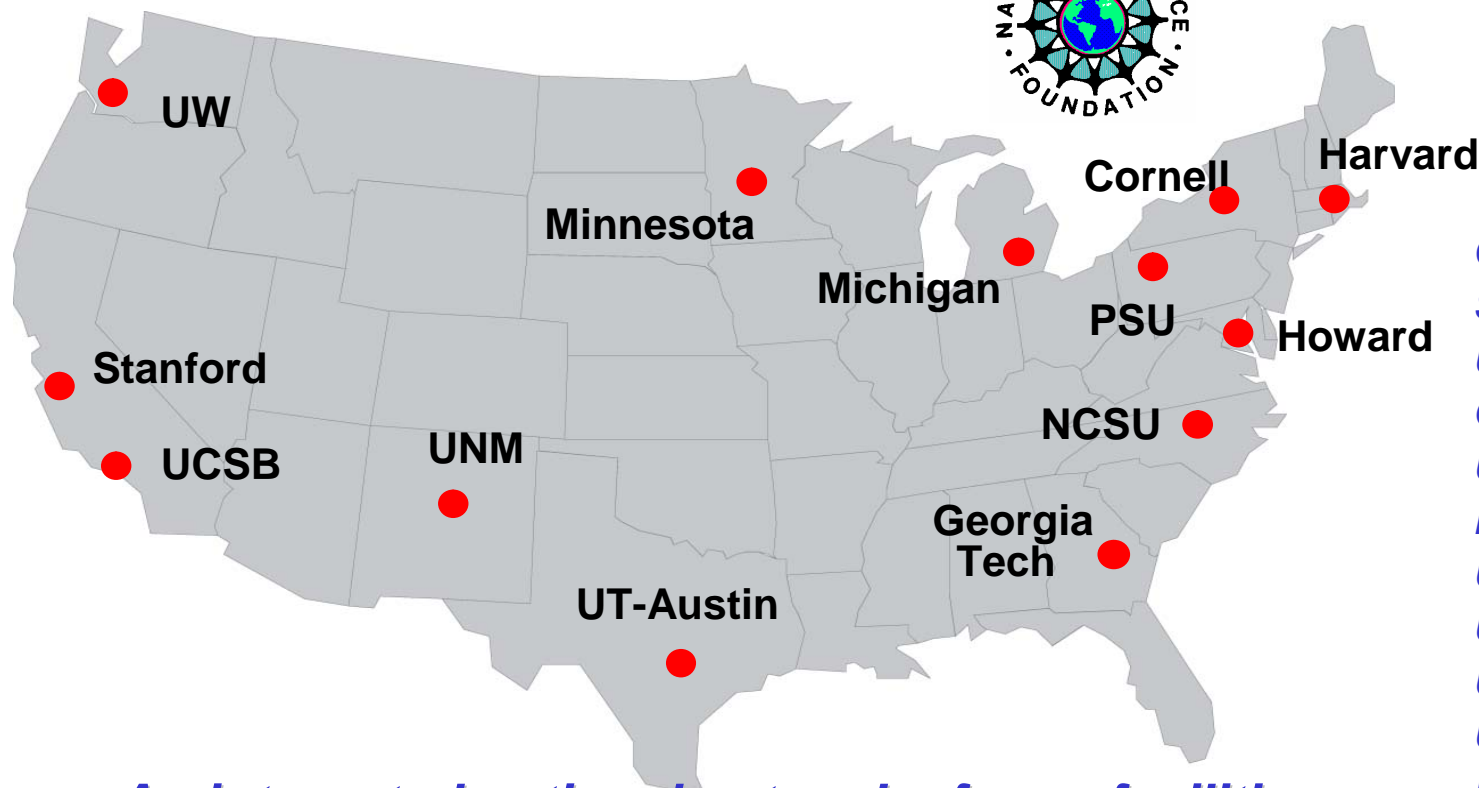
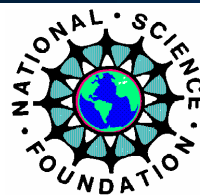
In Vivo:

- ADME
- Safety
- Efficacy

http://ncl.cancer.gov/assay_cascade.asp



National Nanotechnology Infrastructure Network (NNIN)

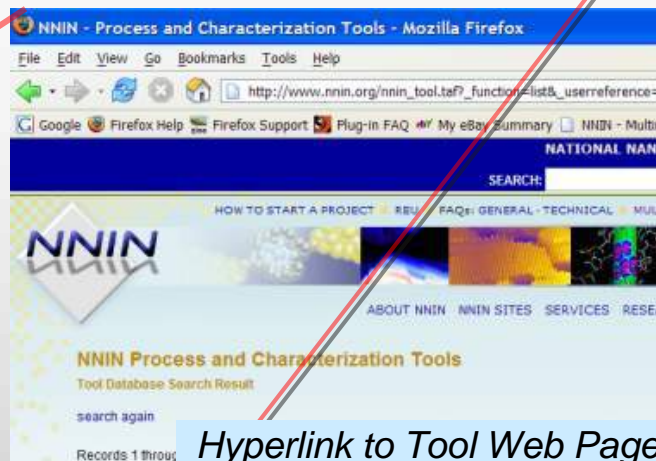


Cornell U (Lead)
Stanford U
U Michigan
Georgia Tech
U Washington
Penn State U
UC Santa Barbara
U Minnesota
U New Mexico
U Texas –Austin
Harvard U
Howard U
No. Carolina State U

An integrated national network of user facilities providing researchers open access to resources, instrumentation, and expertise in all domains of nanoscale science, engineering, and technology

<http://www.NNIN.org>

NNIN Tool Database



Tools Availability at All Sites

Site	Tool Name	Tool ID	Tool Mfg	Tool Model	Tool Area	Tool Desc	Tool Comment
Cornell	GCA Autostep 200i line 5 X Stepper	CNF 102	GCA	Autostep 200	Lithography and Direct Patterning	line 5x stepper	
Cornell	GCA 6300 5X G-Line stepper	CNF 105			Lithography and Direct Patterning		
Cornell	GCA 10 x 1 line Stepper 6300	CNF 106			Lithography and Direct Patterning		
Georgia Tech	Wafer Stepper	GT 200	GCA McPherson	GCA 6100C	Lithography and Direct Patterning		in mask shop
Penn State U.	Nikon 1505EX Stepper	PSU 036	Nikon	NSR 1505EX	Lithography and Direct Patterning		248nm DUV Stepper
Stanford	Nikon Model 1504 5:1 Stepper	SNF nikon	Nikon	1504	Lithography and Direct Patterning		
Stanford	Nikon Body 9 Stepper	SNF nikon-9	Nikon	Body 9	Lithography and Direct Patterning		
Stanford	Ultratech Model 1000 1:1 Stepper	SNF ultratech	Ultratech	1000	Lithography and Direct Patterning		
Stanford	Ultratech Model 1000 1:1 Stepper (#2)	SNF ultratech2	Ultratech	1000	Lithography and Direct Patterning		
U. C. Santa Barbara	GCA 6300 5X Stepper	UCSB 105	GCARTS	6300	Lithography and Direct Patterning	line	

NNIN Education and Outreach

Workshops for
Journalists, Lawyers, etc
Technical Workshops
SEI Activities

Equipment &
Process Training
Seminars
Workshops
Open Text Book

REU
Workshops
Courses
Seminars

Internship Programs
Workshops
Workforce Development
Course Support

National – Network wide activities, shared experience
Local – Site specific activities with focus on local issues

Professional

Elementary

Graduate

**Middle
School**

**Under-
graduate**

**High
School**

**2 year
Colleges**

Teachers

Children's Magazine
School Activities
School visits

Chip Camps
Science Clubs
Curriculum Support
Nanoscience Kits
Travelling Van

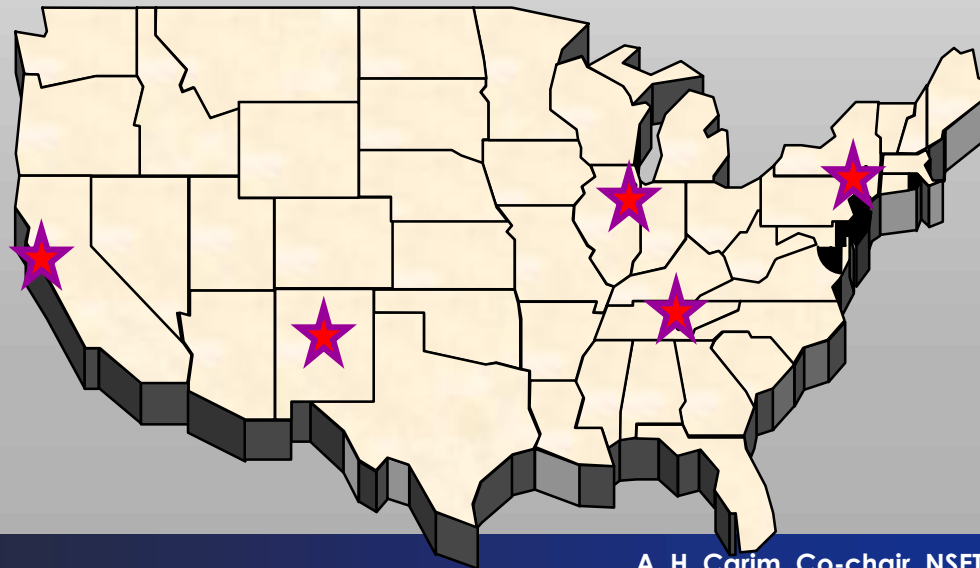
Internships
School Visits
Tours
Mentoring

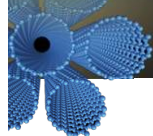
RET
Workshops
Curriculum Support
Continuing Education



DOE's Nanoscale Science Research Centers: Basic Info

- *Research facilities for synthesis, processing, fabrication, analysis, characterization, and modeling of nanoscale materials*
- *Provide specialized equipment, unique tools, and support staff that are difficult for individual institutions to build and maintain*
- *Operated as user facilities; available to all researchers; access determined by peer review of proposals; cost recovery for proprietary work*
- *Co-located at DOE National Laboratories with existing major user facilities (synchrotron radiation light sources, neutron scattering facilities, other specialized facilities) to provide characterization and analysis capabilities*





The five NSRCs are in operations and serving users



***Molecular Foundry
(Lawrence Berkeley
National Laboratory, CA)***



***Center for Functional Nanomaterials
(Brookhaven National Laboratory, NY)***



***Center for Nanoscale Materials
(Argonne National Laboratory, IL)***



***Center for Nanophase Materials Sciences
(Oak Ridge National Laboratory, TN)***

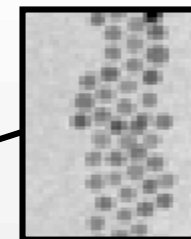
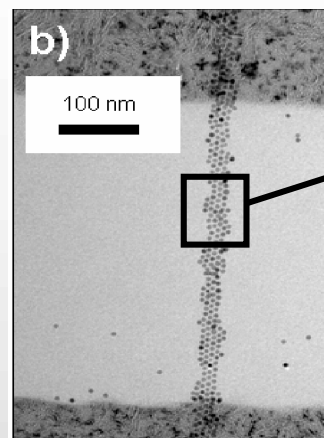
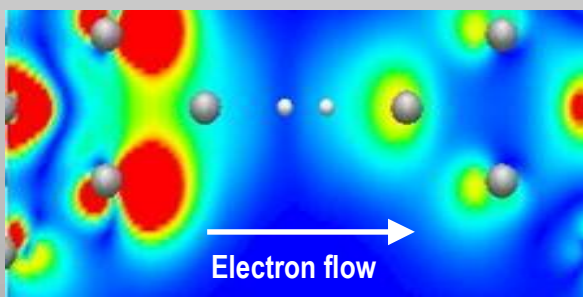
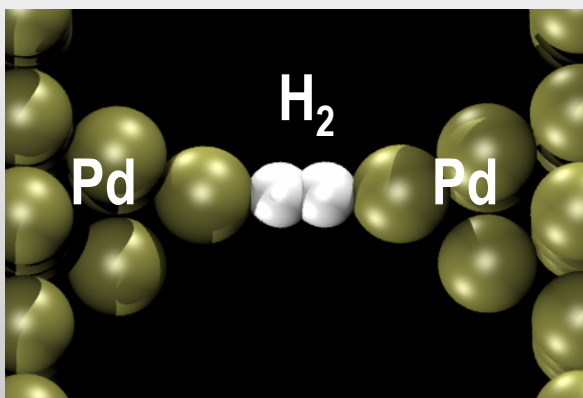


***Center for Integrated Nanotechnologies
(Sandia & Los Alamos National Labs, NM)***

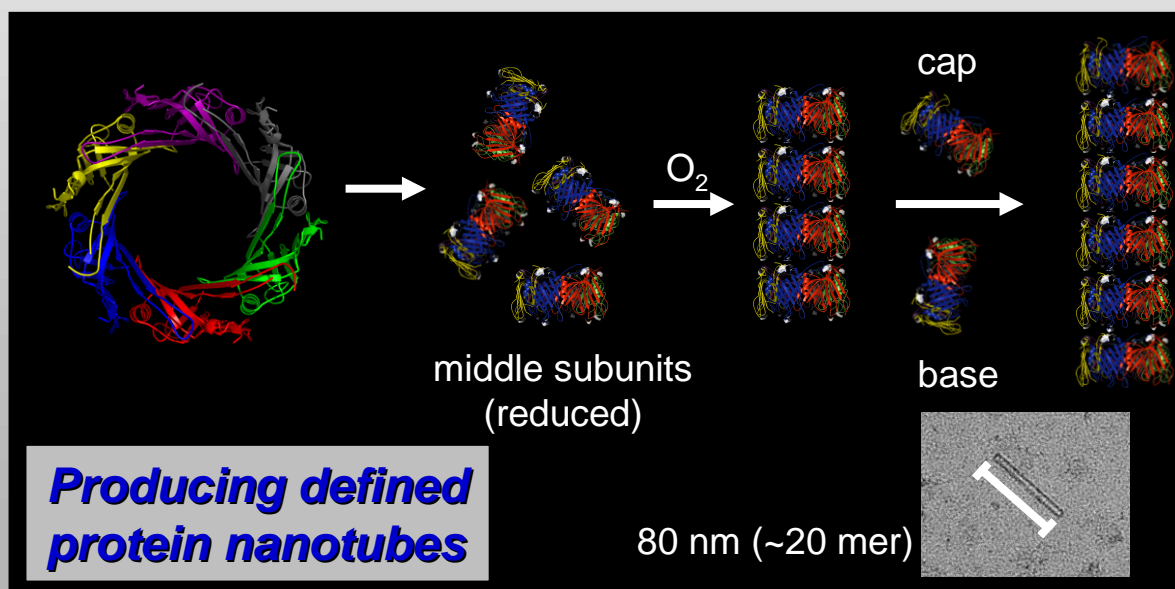


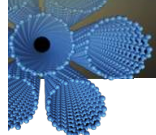
NSRC Instruments, Expertise Support Cutting-edge Research

**Calculating resistance
across the smallest
possible junction**



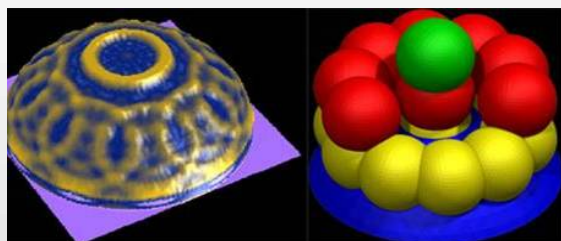
**Assembly of and charge
transport in quasi-1D
nanocrystal arrays**



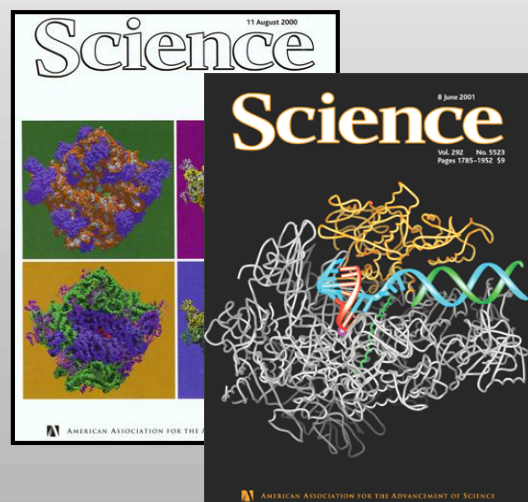


Seeing atoms: National user facilities for probing materials at the atomic scale

X-ray scattering

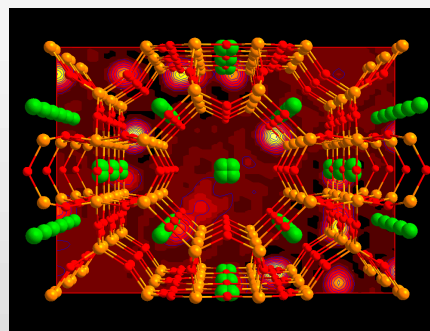


AlNiCo quasicrystal structure

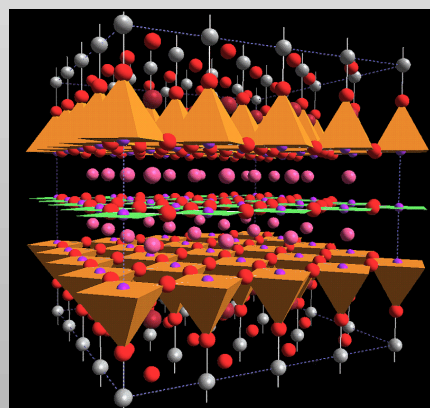


Molecular machines of life

Neutron scattering

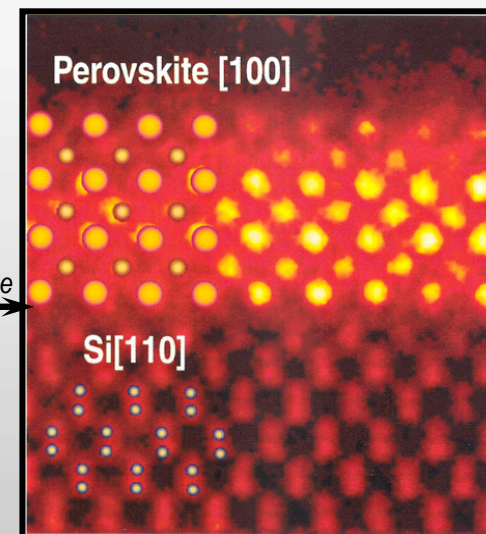


Zeolite catalyst



High Tc superconductor

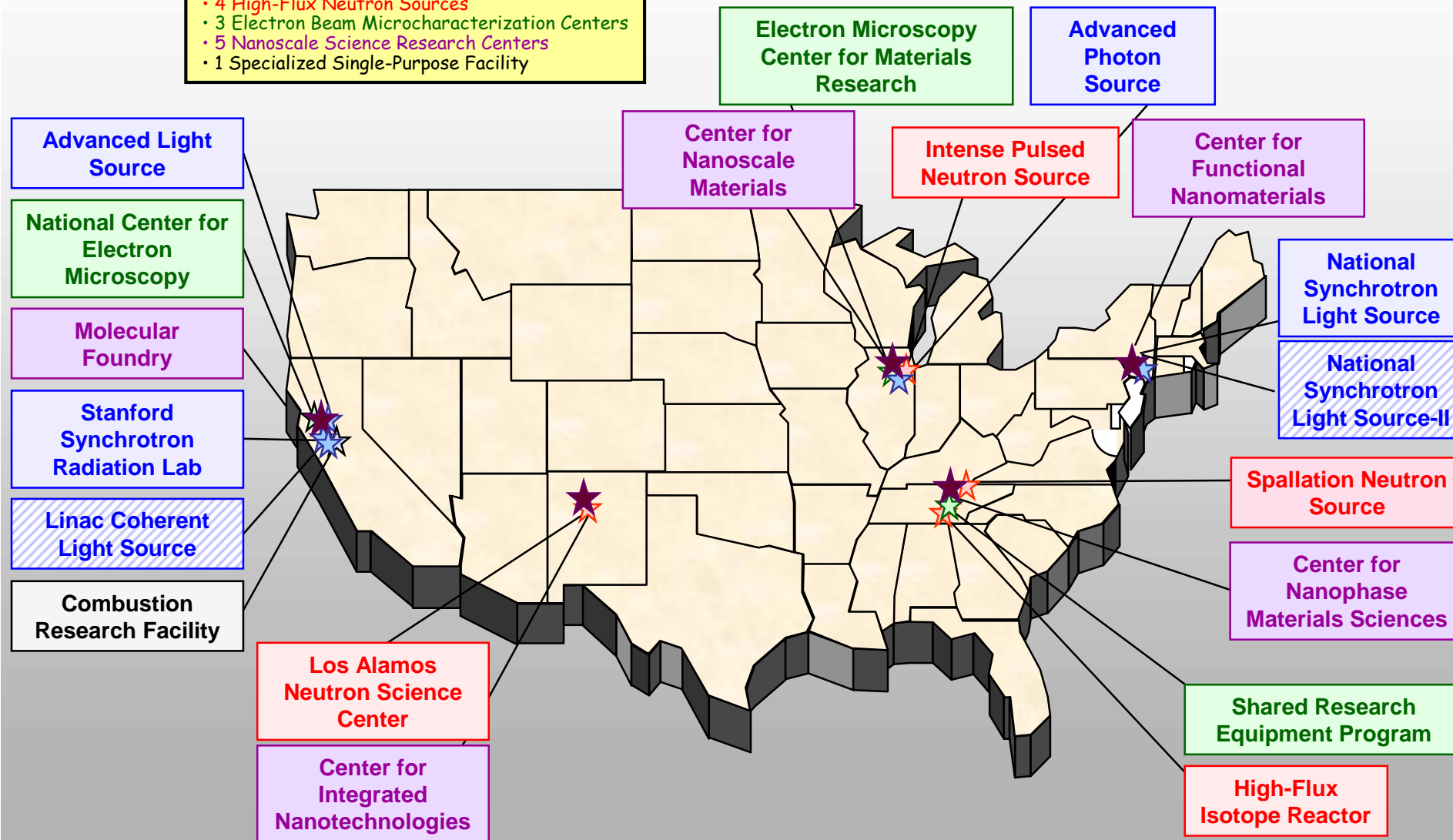
Electron Scattering



Transmission electron microscope image showing an abrupt interface and low defect density for the ferroelectric SrTiO_3 on Si.

DOE Basic Energy Sciences Scientific User Facilities

- 4 Synchrotron Radiation Light Sources
- 2 additional Light Sources (Under construction)
- 4 High-Flux Neutron Sources
- 3 Electron Beam Microcharacterization Centers
- 5 Nanoscale Science Research Centers
- 1 Specialized Single-Purpose Facility



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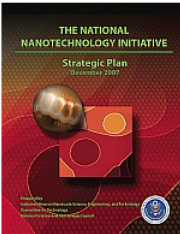
The National Nanotechnology Initiative (NNI) provides a multi-agency framework to ensure U.S. leadership in nanotechnology that will be essential to improved human health, economic well being and national security. The NNI invests in fundamental research to further understanding of nanoscale phenomena and facilitates technology transfer.

Leading to a Revolution in Technology and Industry

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EPA Seeks Input for Safety of Engineered Nanoscale Materials
 Jan. 26, 2008—The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) established a [Nanoscale Materials Stewardship Program](#) (NMSP) which is calling upon manufacturers, importers, processors, and users of engineered nanoscale materials to report to EPA key information about the human health and environmental risks and benefits of nanoscale chemical products before July 28, 2008.
 "The Nanoscale Materials Stewardship Program will provide a firmer scientific foundation for assessing the hazards, exposures, and risks of chemical nanoscale materials and making appropriate risk management decisions," said Charlie Auer, Director of EPA's Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics. "It will be important for industry to work with EPA by promptly reporting on their nanoscale material products over the next six months. We are off to a good start having already received our first data submission under the NMSP, and we look forward to more."
 Engineered nanoscale materials range in size from 1-100 nanometers (nm) and may have very different properties than the same materials at a larger scale. EPA will evaluate the information it receives to help ensure the safe manufacture and use of these materials, and the NMSP will complement and support EPA's new and existing chemical programs under the [Toxic Substances Control Act](#) (TSCA).

Proposals Sought for Center for Environmental Implications of Nanotechnology

 The National Science Foundation and the Environmental Protection Agency have issued a [joint solicitation for proposals to create a national Center for Environmental Implications of Nanotechnology](#). This Center...

National Nanotechnology Initiative Strategic Plan Released

 The [2007 NNI Strategic Plan](#) describes the vision, goals, and priorities of the NNI. Through the approach described in this new Strategic Plan, the NNI will ensure that the United States derives growing economic benefits and improved quality of life for its citizens, and remains a global leader in nanotechnology R&D in the years to come.
 The [Nanoscale Science, Engineering, and Technology](#) (NSET) Subcommittee of the National Science and Technology Council's Committee on Technology, with support from the National Nanotechnology Coordination Office, has released a new NNI Strategic Plan as called for in the 21st Century Nanotechnology Research and Development Act (Public Law 108-153) of 2003. This plan updates and replaces the NNI Strategic Plan of December 2004.
 In reviewing the basic elements of the existing strategic plan, the NSET Subcommittee found many aspects still relevant and appropriate. However, a number of modifications have been made to reflect progress that has taken place since 2004 and to emphasize and clarify the significance that nanotechnology advances will have for our nation.
 As in the earlier strategic plan, this NNI Strategic Plan identifies major subject areas, or program component areas (PCAs), in which investments are needed to ensure success of the initiative. To better understand and manage the NNI investment, the Societal Dimensions PCA defined in the 2004 plan is divided into two PCAs in this updated plan, one titled Environment, Health and Safety and one titled Education and Societal Dimensions. This change aligns with budget reporting practices since 2006.

■ <http://nano.gov>